



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works**

**Date:** June 3, 2014

**To:** Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation and Public Works Committee

**Subject: Somali Independence Day Block Event – June 21, 2014**

**Recommendation:** Approve large block event to operate outside of City of Minneapolis Ordinance language, Title 17, Chapter 455

**Previous Directives:**

- March 10, 2006 -- Passage of Ordinance amending Title 17, Chapter 455 of Code relating to Streets and Sidewalks: Block Events, establishing a new "large block event" category, extending the hours allowed for block events, and clarifying amplified sound permit requirements for residential block events.

**Department Information**

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**Reviews**

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): N/A
- Civil Rights Approval N/A
- Policy Review Group (PRG): N/A

**Financial Impact**

- No financial impact

**Community Impact**

- Neighborhood Notification: Applicant must adhere to all conditions of Title 17, Chapter 45 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Streets and Sidewalks: Block Events
- City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city.
- Comprehensive Plan: N/A
- Zoning Code: N/A

**Supporting Information**

The Ka Joog Nonprofit Organization has requested the closure of Lake Street West from Blaisdell Avenue South to Grand Avenue South for the Somali Independence Day Block Party on Saturday, June 21, 2014.

The closure of Lake Street West will take place starting at 10:30am until 10:30pm on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The size of the Ka Joog Somali Independence Day block event is over the 2,500 person regulation for the Block Event Ordinance and thus needs Council approval.

Public Works agrees with allowing the closure of Lake Street West during this time as long as the applicant acquires the proper permits needed in order to hold the event. In addition the applicant will be responsible for obtaining the proper signage needed for lane and sidewalk closures. The applicant is also responsible for hiring the proper number of police officers for traffic control during the event.

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